

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Final Office Action dated August 3, 2005 and the cited references therein. In response thereto, claims 1-5, 8-9, and 11-19 are amended. Claims 1-5, 8-9, and 11-19 are pending in the present application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3, 9 are rejected 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rose (U.S. Patent No. 6,617,725) in view of Atarashi (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0063536 A1). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Atarashi is a U.S. patent application publication with a filing date dated back to its priority date of Sept. 27, 2002. Applicant respectfully submits that the priority date of the present application is September 8, 2001, that the priority date has been claimed, and that a certified copy of the priority document was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 6, 2005. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Atarashi dates behind the present application and is not a prior art reference, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1, 3, 9, and the remaining claims be withdrawn.

In addition, claims 1-5, 8-9, and 11-19 are amended to clarify the use of the original term “ring type starter/generator” being “ring type integrated starter/generator”. Applicant respectfully submits that such amendment is merely made for clarification, which does not raise new issues nor does it change the scope of the claims. The support for the change can be found on page 2, line 5 and page 6, line 4, of the present specification.

Allowed Claims

Claims 2, 4-5, 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 11-19 are allowed.

Conclusion

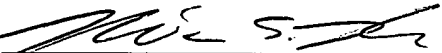
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, please contact the undersigned at 612-752-7367.

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